Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A balloon holding assembly for preventing helium filled balloons from escaping, said assembly comprising:

a first rectangular shaped loop member defining a bottom support, a second rectangular shaped loop member defining an upper support, each of said upper and bottom supports having a top side and a bottom side;

a plurality of elongated vertical supports each having an upper end and a lower end;

a plurality of couplers being attached to each of said upper and bottom supports for removably coupling each of said upper ends to a bottom side of said upper support and said lower ends to said top side of said bottom support such that said upper support is spaced from and positioned over said bottom support, a space between adjacent ones of said vertical supports being open;

a cage including a horizontal wall and a perimeter wall being attached to and extending downwardly from said horizontal wall, said horizontal wall having a size and shape adapted for abutting said upper support such that said upper support is positioned within cage; and

wherein helium filled balloons may be positioned in said cage such that said horizontal wall prevents the balloons from floating upwardly away from the frame.

2. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein each of said top and bottom supports includes four corner members and four connectors for removably coupling together adjacent ones of said corner members in a spaced relationship to each other.

3. (original) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein each of said connectors comprises an elongated tubular member having a first end and a second end.

4. (original) The assembly according to claim 3, wherein each of said corner members includes a first female coupler and a second female coupler, said first and second female couplers being orientated generally perpendicular to each other, each of said first and second female couplers having a size and shape adapted for removably receiving one of said first or second ends of said connectors.

5. (original) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein each of said couplers is attached to an associated one of said corner members such that each of said corner members has one coupler positioned thereon.

6. (original) The assembly according to claim 5, wherein each of said couplers comprises a female coupler having a size and shape adapted for receiving a respective one of said upper or lower ends.

7. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, further including a plurality of wheels being attached to said bottom side of said bottom support.

8. (original) The assembly according to claim 2, further including a plurality of wheels being attached to said bottom side of said bottom support.

9. (original) The assembly according to claim 8, wherein each of said wheels is positioned on one of said corner members such that each of said corner members of said bottom support has a wheel mounted thereon.

10. (currently amended) A balloon holding assembly for preventing helium filled balloons from escaping, said assembly comprising:

a first rectangular shaped loop member defining a bottom support, a second rectangular shaped loop member defining an upper support, each of said upper and bottom supports having a top side and a bottom side, each of said top and bottom supports including four corner members and four connectors for removably coupling together adjacent ones of said corner

members in a spaced relationship to each other, each of said connectors comprising an elongated tubular member having a first end and a second end, each of said corner members including a first female coupler and a second female coupler, said first and second female couplers being orientated generally perpendicular to each other, each of said first and second female couplers having a size and shape adapted for removably receiving one of said first or second ends of said connectors, a space bound by each of said bottom and upper supports being open;

a plurality of elongated vertical supports each having an upper end and a lower end;

a plurality of couplers being attached to each of said upper and bottom supports for removably coupling each of said upper ends to a bottom side of said upper support and said lower ends to said top side of said bottom support such that said upper support is spaced from and positioned over said bottom support, each of said couplers being attached to an associated one of said corner members such that each of said corner members has one coupler positioned thereon, each of said couplers comprising a female coupler having a size and shape adapted for receiving a respective one of said upper or lower ends, a space between adjacent ones of said vertical supports being open;

a cage including a horizontal wall and a perimeter wall being attached to and extending downwardly from said horizontal wall, said horizontal wall having a size and shape adapted for abutting said upper support such that said upper support is positioned within cage, said cage having openings therein less than 9 square inches;

a plurality of wheels being attached to said bottom side of said bottom support, each of said wheels being positioned on one of said corner members such that each of said corner members of said bottom support has a wheel mounted thereon; and

wherein helium filled balloons may be positioned in said cage such that said horizontal wall prevents the balloons from floating upwardly away from the frame.

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